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operations. From 1st October 2001 till 26th November 2001, 400 militants were killed in anti-militant operations in Jammu and Kashmir.

Operation Sadbhavana by Defence Services

1083. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that defence services have carried out Operation Sadbhavana in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, details of the schools covered and the number of students undergoing studies in these schools; and

(c) how much expenditure has been incurred on the Operation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) the Army has been undertaking civic action projects in Jammu and Kashmir, under Operation SADBHAVANA. The details of schools newly constructed or revived under Operation SADBHAVANA during the financial year 2000-2001 are as under:—

(i) Schools Newly Constructed	15
(ii) Schools Revived	21
(iii) Total number of Students Studying in the Newly Constructed and Revived Schools	6630

(c) During the period 1998—2001, Rs. 16 Crore have been spent on Operation SADBHAVANA Projects, from the Ministry of Defence budget.